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Re: FCC Docket #~~92-305~~

I have received information regarding FCC Docket #~~92-305~~ and, although the impact upon Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue will be minimal compared to others, I am writing to express my concerns.

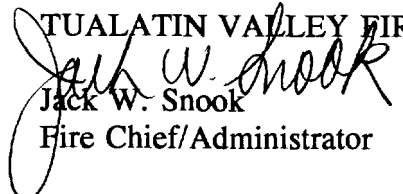
I do not purport to be an expert on issues surrounding the technical side of emergency communications, but I have been in the public safety business for almost thirty years. During my tenure as a firefighter, and as Chief Administrator of Oregon's largest fire district, I have seen many radio system enhancements take place. Further, I have observed that, without exception, such enhancements occur over long periods of time. In fact, I submit that upgrades occur generationally over periods of ten to fifteen years. Contrary to history, FCC Docket #92-305 requires almost complete replacement of existing radio systems within three years.

Because Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue is moving toward an 800 Mhz system, we will not suffer the financial consequences that others will experience if this proposal is adopted. Our pain will be limited to the procurement of 250 new pagers at \$350/each. Others, however, will suffer horribly and, given the passage of Oregon's Ballot Measure #5, may simply not be able to comply.

I am told that such a movement, in time, is inevitable. I implore you however, to adopt a more logical and less fiscally demanding schedule for implementation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE AND RESCUE


Jack W. Snook
Fire Chief/Administrator

cc: Oregon's Congressional Delegation

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